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In re application: Frazier et al.

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For: Method and Apparatus for  
Reliably Choosing a Master Network  
Manager During Initialization of a  
Network Computing System§  
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